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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. BRICE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 2989.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2989) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Caroline S. Baker, having had the same under consideration, report as follows:

Mrs. Baker, the claimant in this case, is the daughter of the late Charles H. Baker, chief engineer in the United States Navy, who died a short time ago. Her husband was the late John Howard Baker, who died of cholera, at Cheefoo, on the 12th day of September, 1890, while on the Asiatic Squadron, and who at the time of his death was an assistant engineer in the United States Navy.

The records of the Pension Bureau show that Mrs. Baker was granted a pension at the rate of \$17 per month (\$15 per month for herself and \$2 per month for her infant son, now 9 years old), to date from September 17, 1890, this being the rate allowed under the general law.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Baker and her child have been making their home with her father, who resided in this city, and who recently died. She is now living with her mother, and has no income, except that from her pension under the general law, having heretofore been partially supported by her father's retired pay as chief engineer United States Navy, retired.

Under the circumstances, your committee believe that the claimant should have an increase, and recommend that the bill pass, with the amendment, in line 4, after the word "at," by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting "thirty."